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FOR : PROMOTER AND REGULATOR SEQUENCES Ha ds10 G1: A  
GENE LEA OF SUNFLOWERS EXPRESSED EXCLUSIVELY  
IN SEEDS FROM THE MATURATION PHASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-identified Application, please amend the Specification and Claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following Abstract after the Claims:

- ABSTRACT

The present invention discloses the isolation and characterization in transgenic tobacco plants of the promoter and regulator sequences of a gene LEA-1 of sunflower, Ha ds10 G1. These sequences present characteristics which are extremely appropriate to be used in the modification of seeds (for example of reserve substances). The advantages of their possible use